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March 30, 2007

Susan Ralston

Dear Ms. Ralston:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform requests your appearance at a deposition on **Thursday, April 5, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in 2157 Rayburn House Office Building**. This deposition is part of an investigation the Committee commenced last spring regarding lobbying contacts between lobbyist Jack Abramoff and the White House.

In September 2006, the Committee released a bipartisan staff report that analyzed e-mail and billing records provided to the Committee by Mr. Abramoff's former lobbying firm. This report found that Mr. Abramoff and his associates had over 400 lobbying contacts with the White House, including 69 with you while you served as Executive Assistant to Karl Rove, the Senior Advisor to the President. The report described evidence that White House officials took multiple actions that benefited Mr. Abramoff and his clients; that Mr. Abramoff and his associates billed clients for over 150 meals with White House officials; and that several White House officials, including you, received tickets to sporting events and concerts from Mr. Abramoff.

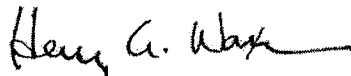
The September report left a number of questions unanswered, including whether White House officials reimbursed Mr. Abramoff for tickets and meals as required by law; whether White House officials took actions that benefited Mr. Abramoff and his clients as described in the e-mails; and why White House officials used Republican National Committee and other non-governmental e-mail accounts to communicate with Mr. Abramoff and his associates about official government business. The Committee counsel will ask you about these and other related matters at the deposition.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Amerling of the Committee staff at 225-5051.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry A. Waxman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member